THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI RADHAKRISHAN MALAVIYA) : (a) to (d) The Central Government has set up eleven Central Government Industrial Tribunals-cum-Labour Courts, one each at Asansol, Calcutta, Jabalpur, New Delhi, Chandigarh, Kanpur, Bangalore and two each at Bombay and Dhanbad. During the last three years, no new Central Government Industrial Tribunal-cum-Labour Court has been set up. The last Central Government Industrial Tribunal-cum-Labour Court at Bangalore was set up in December, 1985. The total number of industrial disputes pending in the Central Government Industrial Tribunals-cum-Labour Courts during 1986 1987 and 1988 were 1648, 2333 and 2931 respectively. The break up of disputes pending with the Central Government Industrial Tribunals and the information regarding Labour Courts and Industrial Tribunals set up by the State Governments, cases pending before them and steps taken for disposal of pending cases are being ascertained and will be placed on the table of the Sabha in due course.

Survey of gold in Kerala

1375. SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHAKRISHNA : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the Indian Express of 14th April, 1989 under the capitalion 'Rich deposits of gold likely in South':

(b) whether the Minerals Exploration Corporation Ltd., have confirmed the existence of huge qunntities of gold in the West Coast of South India, particularly in Malappuram areas of Kerala;

(c) if so, by when Government proposed to commercially exploit the gold deposits found in Malappuram area in Kerala; and

(d) whether the said Corporaton had carried out similar exploration in other States, if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES AND THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE) : (a) Yes, Sir;

(b) Mineral Exploration Corporation Ltd. has taken up preliminary investigation for determining the gold content, if any in the laterite of Malappuram area of Kerala recently keeping in view the International trend of locating workable gold deposits in laterite. The company has competed about 300 metres of drilling in 23 boreholes in the area some of which have indicated gold values ranging from 0·10 to 1·0gm/tonne. No definite payable zones have so far been identified.

(c) The exploitation of the deposits would be considered only if commercial viability of the same is established.

(d) The company is also collecting samples from surface and pits from Laterite and Boulder-bed horizons in Singhabhum district of Bihar for similar studies. The Company has carried out/is carrying out detailed exploration for vein type gold occurances in 22 blocks located in Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Bihar and Maharashtra.

Trifurcation of the Delhi Development Authority

1376. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE :

SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD :

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the reply to Starred Question